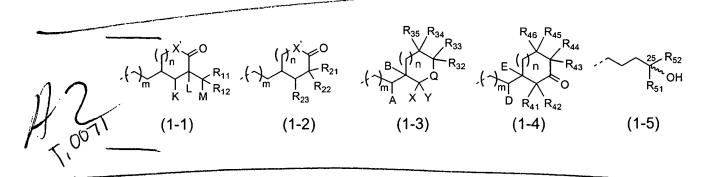
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following new claims:

45. A vitamin D₃ derivatives expressed by the following general formula [1] or

pharmaceutically permissible solvates thereof,

$$R_{02}O^{(1)}$$
 OR_{01}

{wherein, R_{01} and R_{02} are each independently a hydrogen atom, a trimethylsilyl group, a triethylsilyl group, a tbutyldimethylsilyl group, an acetyl group, a methoxymethyl group or a tetrahydro-4H-pyran-2-yl group;

Z is represented by formula (1-5),

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(in the above formula (1-5),

 R_{51} expresses -CONR₅₁₁R₅₁₂, -COR₅₁₃ or -C(OH) $R_{514}R_{515}$, wherein R_{511} and R_{512} are identical to or different from each other, and they are a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, or both the members together express a nitrogen-containing C_3 - C_8 alkyl ring or a morpholino group in cooperation with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded; and R_{513} , R_{514} and R_{515} are identical to or different from each other, and they express a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group;

Ray expresses a methyl group, an ethyl group, a trifluoromethyl group or a penta uoroethyl group.]

- 46. A vitamin D_3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Clarm 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{01} and R_{02} are both hydrogen atoms.
- 47. A vitamin D_3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{51} is -CONR₅₁₁ R_{512} or -COR₅₁₃.
- 48. A vitamin D_3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{51} is -CONR₅₁₁ R_{512} .
- 49. A vitamin D_{s} derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{51} is -COR₅₁₃.
- 50. A vitamin D3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{51} is -CONR₅₁₁ R_{512} , and R_{511} and R_{512} are identical to or different from each other, and they are a methyl group or an ethyl group, or



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are identical to or different from each other, and they are a methyl group or an ethyl group, or both the members together express an aziridine, pyrrolidine, piperictine or morpholino ring in cooperation with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded.

51. A vitamin D_3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{51} is COR_{513} , and R_{513} is a methyl group or an ethyl group.

52. A vitamin D_3 derivative or a pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, wherein, in the above formula (1), R_{52} is a methyl group.

53. A pharmaceutical composition composed of a vitamin D₃ derivative or pharmaceutically permissible solvate thereof described in Claim 45, and a pharmaceutically permissible carrier.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

Compounds expressed by the following general formula (1),

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